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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT ON ALUMINUM INDUSTRY

REF: OECD DOCUMENT DIE/IND/AL/74.6

1. WE GENERALLY SUPPORT THE USEFUL ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS MADE IN THE REFERENCED DOCUMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS:

A. PARA 15. DISCUSSION OF MARKET STRUCTURE AND CONTRIBUTION OF LDCS TO WORLD PRODUCTION WOULD NOT APPEAR APPROPRIATE HERE UNDER DISCUSSION OF ENERGY. SOME OF THIS MATERIAL MIGHT BE ADDED ELSEWHERE, POSSIBLY IN SECTION ON RAW MATERIALS.

B. PARA 19, LAST SENTENCE. WORD "CONTROLLED" SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "SHAREHOLDINGS".

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C. PARAS 27-31 DEAL MOSTLY WITH FORECAST BY THE SECRETARIAT OF WORLD PRIMARY ALUMINUM CONSUMPTION THROUGH 1980. THIS FORECAST IS BASED ON A SIMPLE LINEAR REGRESSION MODEL DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX. DUE TO UNCERTAINTIES IN CURRENT WORLD ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY THE RAPID SHIFTS IN RELATIVE PRICES, WE CANNOT HOLD MUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE ACCURACY OF SUCH A FORECAST BASED ON HISTORICAL TRENDS. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE PARAS 27 THROUGH

31, AS WELL AS THE SECOND SENTENCE IN PARA 33, SHOULD BE DELETED.

2. FSO JAMES TARRANT (EUR/RPE) WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS MISSION MAY HAVE ON REF DOCUMENT. INGERSOLL

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